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For: **VIRAL VECTOR ENCODING
PIGMENT EPITHELIAL DERIVED
FACTOR**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 28-37 as a result of the restriction requirement.

Please replace the indicated claims with:

1. (Amended) An adenoviral vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding pigment epithelium-derived factor (PEDF) or a therapeutic fragment thereof, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to regulatory sequences necessary for expression of PEDF or a therapeutic fragment thereof.

3. (Amended) The adenoviral vector of claim 1, wherein the adenoviral vector is replication deficient.